

Clear tonight and tomorrow.

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## WHOLE CITY PREY TO FLAMES; RESIDENCE SECTION NOW ABLAZE

### RUSH ORDERS SENT TO ARMY POSTS FOR RESCUE WORK

Tents, Troops, and Rations Hurried to San Francisco By War Department.

### FUNSTON GIVEN POWER TO HANDLE SITUATION

Government Suffered Loss in Structures and Stores in the Golden Gate City.

### Hundreds of Thousands Homeless and Hungry

The following was received from General Funston this morning:

"San Francisco, April 19.  
"Military Secretary, Washington:  
"Your dispatches received. Have already filed several to you. Impossible to inform you now as to full extent of disaster. City practically destroyed. Troops have been aiding police patrolling and maintaining order. Martial law has not been declared. Working in conjunction with civil authorities.  
"Have not interfered with sending of any dispatches. You cannot send too many tents or rations. About 200,000 people homeless. Food very scarce. Provision houses all destroyed. All Government buildings in city gone.  
"FUNSTON."

Secretary of War Taft, Chief of Staff Bell, Quartermaster General Humphreys and Commissary General Sharpe spent nearly the entire night sending orders to General Funston and other officers in the West, relative to the relief of the sufferers at San Francisco.

An order went to Vancouver barracks to ship immediately 20,000 rations. Thousands of tents have already been ordered to be sent from various army posts on the coast. Officers have been instructed to accompany the shipments to see that they are properly delivered to the authorities at San Francisco.

A telegram from Major Krauthoff, filed at Oakland, reports that the army depot at San Francisco, adjoining the Palace Hotel, has been destroyed with thousands of dollars' worth of army supplies contained therein.

The following message was received early this morning from General Funston:

### Need Tents and Rations.

"Oakland Pier, Cal., April 19.  
"Military Secretary, Washington:  
"We are doing all possible to aid residents of San Francisco in present terrible calamity. Many thousands homeless. I shall do everything in my power to render assistance, and trust to War Department to authorize any action I may have to take. Army casualties will be reported later. All important papers safe. We need tents and rations for 20,000 people.  
"To this the Secretary of War sent the following reply:  
"General Funston, San Francisco:  
"Your dispatch calling for tents and rations for 20,000 people received. Have directed sending of 20,000 rations from Vancouver barracks, nearest available point. Will give you orders concerning tents immediately and advise you within an hour. Do you need more troops?  
"Of course, do everything possible to assist in keeping order, in saving life and property, and in relieving hunger, by use of troops, material, and supplies  
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### THE WEATHER REPORT.

A southwestern disturbance with a strong high area immediately to the northward is causing rains from Colorado and Nebraska southward. There were also local showers in the upper lake region, and western Washington; elsewhere the weather was generally clear.

The weather will continue fair tonight and Friday in the Pacific South, except in the lower Mississippi valley, where showers are probable Friday.

It will be cooler Friday in the lower lake region and the Ohio valley.

### TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m.	69
12 p. m.	74
2 p. m.	76
8 p. m.	72

### THE SUN.

Sun sets today.....6:49  
Sun rises tomorrow.....5:13

### TIDE TABLE.

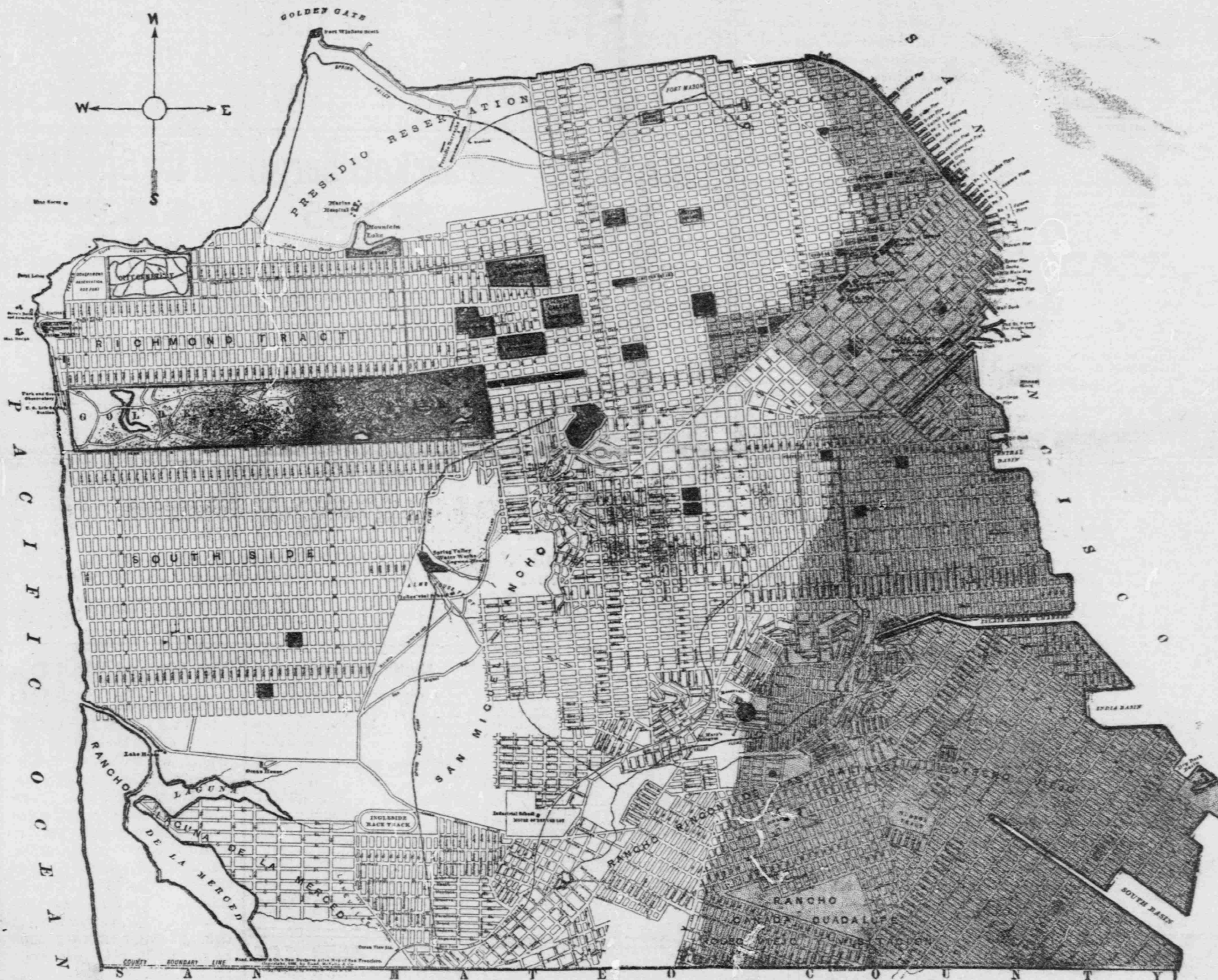
Low tide today.....10:41 p. m.
High tide today.....5:00 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow.....12:05 a. m.
High tide tomorrow.....5:52 a. m.

### Appalling Conditions in Doomed San Francisco

One hundred and thirty blocks burned over in San Francisco. Fire continues to spread in residence section. General Funston reports 200,000 are homeless and threatened with starvation. Loss of life estimated from 500 to 5,000.

Property loss is placed at between \$200,000,000 and \$500,000,000. People fleeing by thousands to the hills, abandoning their homes to the flames. Firemen practically abandon their hopeless battle.

Leland Stanford University reported completely demolished. City of San Jose totally destroyed, hundreds dead and 10,000 people homeless. Hotel del Monte at Monterey partially demolished, with loss of life. Railroad tracks twisted, earth cracked and mud lakes appear in country south of San Francisco.



MAP OF SAN FRANCISCO--SHADED PORTION SHOWS DISTRICT BURNED OVER

The business section burned over is bounded by Vallejo, Howard, East and Sansome streets, embracing the entire wholesale, retail, and office districts of the city. The second district swept clean is bounded by Second, Market, Eighth, and Fulton streets, from the union station on the water front at the foot of Market street, back to Eighth. The finest residence section, which is now burning, lies north and west of the district already destroyed, extending to the Presidio and Golden Gate Park.

### Flames Threaten to Drive the Homeless Into the Sea

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19 (via Oakland, April 19).—Unless some power stays the onrushing flames, 20,000 homeless people who spent the night under the trees in Golden Gate Park will be swept into the sea.

Early this morning the fire reached Devisadero street, more than a mile from the water front. There the flames fed hungrily on the wooden buildings that lined both sides of the street, for the section is of the older part of the city, and quickly consuming them, passed on toward the west.

Golden Gate Park is directly in the path of the fire. With a water service that is entirely too feeble, with even tons on tons of dynamite being exploded vainly in its path, it seems that the fire must surely make its way to the park.

### ARMY LIEUTENANT VICTIM OF DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

OAKLAND, Cal., April 19.—While fighting the flames, Lieut. Charles C. Pullis was fatally injured and was taken to the military hospital at the Presidio. Lieutenant Pullis was placing a heavy charge of the explosive in a building at Sixth and Jesse streets. The fuse did not ignite, and Pullis went back into the building to relight it.

While inside the charge of dynamite exploded. His skull is fractured and he has internal injuries. He is thirty years old, a native of Chicago, and unmarried.

### CARNEGIE LIBRARY RUINED BY SHOCK IN REDWOOD

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., April 19.—Great damage was done in Redwood City by the earthquake. Many buildings were destroyed and the ruin is general about the city. The Carnegie library was completely destroyed.

### Expert Packers.

Merchants' Transfer & Storage Co.—Adv.

### IDENTIFIED DEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—Following is a list of the identified dead, as complete as it is possible to make at this time:

BURGE, FRANK, Englishman; killed by falling walls at 235 Geary street.  
BRONER, STEVEN, Jr., police sergeant, at city hall collapse.  
BUSH, PHILIP, collapse fish market, Second and Stevenson streets.  
CARR, WILLIAM, 147 Ellis street.  
GRIFFITH, Mrs. A. HOLLISTER, in collapse of Granger's Union warehouse.  
CROWDER, Mrs. LENA, 14 Stevenson street.  
DE GROW, —, killed in collapse of Vendome Hotel, Santa Rosa.  
DE GROW, Mrs. —, killed with her husband.  
FERRO, MAX, policeman; killed at city hall collapse.  
GEIZ, —, Sixteenth and Folsom streets.  
GUELLIMAN, WILLIAM, 110 Eddy street.  
GLEASON, Capt. HENRY, officer Golden Gate police; killed by dynamite discharge.  
GURTS, OTTO, fireman; killed at Leland Stanford University.  
HANNA, JAMES R., student Leland Stanford University.  
HESLIP, Mrs. IDA, Geary and Stockton streets.  
HUSTEL, M. A., 237 Sutter street.  
ISHIDO, SAKIE, 429 Stevenson street.  
JUDD, JOHN, killed collapse rooming house, Terminal Island.  
KING, —, 27 Mission street.  
KORNFIELD, W., 12 years old; 939 Folsom street.

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### Whole City a Shambles—Chaos Reigns Over All.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 19.—The fire is beyond control and the entire city is doomed.

More than 150,000 people are already homeless. The city is now a shambles.

Firemen are dropping at every point from exhaustion. Some are sleeping under their wagons.

The water supply is nil and the supply of dynamite has been exhausted, so that buildings cannot be blown up to stop the progress of the fire.

Women and men are fainting in the streets, while families have been separated, driving parents crazy for fear of safety of their little ones.

Everything is chaos. The situation could not be worse unless a volcano began pouring lava over the stricken metropolis.

### RED MEN HONORED GUESTS AT PYTHIAN FAIR TONIGHT

The members of the Order of Red Men will be the guests of honor tonight at the Pythian fair. More than 100 of the tribesmen will be present in costume and will take part in the dancing from 10 p. m. to midnight.

Last night the Elks and Eagles were the special guests and their presence added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

The popularity of the fair is steadily growing.

### WILL ASK NORTHCOTT TO RESIGN CHAIRMANSHIP

Senator Scott of West Virginia talked with the President this morning about the personnel of the West Virginia Republican State committee.

After talking the matter over fully it was decided to ask Mr. Northcott to resign as chairman of the committee, although it is not thought he will be forced to leave the committee altogether.

### Plenty of Laths.

Libbey Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave.—Adv.

### GAUNT FAMINE ADDS HORROR TO STRICKEN CITY

Thousands of Homeless People Threatened With Starvation and Pestilence.

### FIRE CONTINUES ITS WORK OF DEVASTATION

Flames Now Raging in Residence Section and Whole City Apparently Doomed—Death List Grows.

Flames reach Nob Hill.

Two hundred thousand homeless.

Firemen practically abandon fight.

Soldiers shoot down looters.

Loss of life estimated anywhere from 500 to 5,000.

Property loss between \$200,000,000 and \$500,000,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—Famine and pestilence are added terrors to the great fire now threatening total destruction to the city.

Nothing to eat can be had excepting in the outlying districts, and the bursting of the water mains has cut off the water supply. The entire business district is in ruins and flames are devouring the residence districts.

Fire is raging along the water front for five miles.

Ghouls are being shot by United States troops as they are caught looting the debris and robbing the dead.

### Loss May Exceed \$200,000,000.

It is impossible at this hour to estimate more than vaguely the number of dead and injured and the property loss. The figures at hand must be mere guesses for at least a week. These estimates range from 1,000 to 10,000 dead, 3,000 to 20,000 injured, and a property loss of from \$200,000,000 to \$500,000,000.

Shortly after midnight the Merchants' Exchange building, one of the handsomest and most substantial edifices in the city, took fire, as did the Crocker-Woolworth Bank building.

The former building is a fourteen-story structure, seven floors of which are occupied by the Southern Pacific Railway Company as offices.

The Crocker-Woolworth building is a twelve-story terra cotta and granite structure, and stands directly opposite the Palace Hotel.

The immense D. O. Mills building is surrounded by fire and will probably succumb.

### Big Hotels in Line of Fire.

The Lick House, Occidental Hotel, and Rush House are in imminent danger and will probably be destroyed by the fire.

From the Cliff House comes word that the pleasure resort and show place of the city, which stood upon a foundation of solid rock, has been swept into the sea. Not a thing stands to tell the sea where the monster stone building once stood. It has been leveled to the foundation and only the rock lining the sea coast remains intact.

The Cliff House stood on a rocky bluff overlooking the Pacific ocean. It was probably fifty or sixty feet above the water and was a favorite resort for thousands on bright days, both winter and summer. It was a favorite pastime of visitors there to sit on the west verandas of the hotel and watch the hundreds of sea lions and seals which congregate on a large rock about 200 feet from the main land. In stormy weather the waves frequently swept over the top of the building.

All the day and night long, and long after dawn this morning men have fought a losing battle with the flames.